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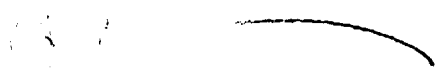
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to urge you and the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The case has been going on for over three years now and needs to be settled. In that time the company has fallen on hard times and it needs its leader focusing on business, not government over regulation.

A settlement has been reached and I would like to see it accepted. The settlement includes many concessions by Microsoft that cover all the basics of the suit and even include many products and procedures that were not mentioned in the original suit. To make sure that the settlement is followed a technical committee will be set up to monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement. All that is needed is for the government to accept its own agreement.

Microsoft and the technology industry need to move forward, the only way to move forward is to settle issues of the past. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,


William Allen